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Over the past year they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF HUNTINGDON COUNTY HISTORY AND HERITAGE ROUNDTABLE

##### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Huntingdon County History and Heritage Roundtable on winning the Community Spirit Award from the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce. The award recognizes an organization that has made significant contributions to Huntingdon County through community development.

The Huntingdon County History and Heritage Roundtable encompass representatives from various historical organizations throughout the county. Despite challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, this group continued to provide engaging online events for community members and sought to share the rich history of Huntingdon County.

The Huntingdon County History and Heritage Roundtable's collaboration and community outreach is an important part of our community. I congratulate the members on receiving this well-earned recognition and wish them continued success in their efforts to showcase our region.

#### EDUARDO TOLEDANO

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eduardo Toledano for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Eduardo Toledano is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Eduardo Toledano is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Eduardo Toledano for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN DURHAM

##### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the distinguished career in public service of former U.S. Attorney John Durham. As is typical of presidential transitions, John Durham officially retired from his role as the leader of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut on February 28, 2021. A resident of eastern Connecticut, he invested 40 years of his life to this form of public service, and as an attorney in practice for 27 years prior to coming to Congress and as the brother of a former Assistant U.S. Attorney who worked with John, I can attest to the sterling reputation and record he amassed on his long and eventful journey.

Born in Boston, John graduated from Colgate University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972. From there, he began his legal career securing his juris doctor degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1975. Armed with his degree, John had many options in the legal profession. Rather than pursuing more lucrative areas of practice, he began his career instead in the criminal courts as a Deputy Assistant State's Attorney with the Office of the Chief State's Attorney in 1978. He moved up a year later to New Haven State's Attorney's Office, where he worked until 1982. During these formative years, John marked major notches on his belt with the successful prosecution of those such as the Curcio brothers, notorious Bridgeport mobsters whose conviction made it all the way to the United States Supreme Court. Ultimately, it was during this formative time period that John carved out his unique specialty in the field of law: combatting organized crime.

As successful as he was in the Connecticut state courts, the federal courts offered a much greater capacity to exercise his skills. It was no surprise then that Mr. Durham joined the federal government at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut. Also located in New Haven, John stayed on with the District Office for another 35 years until he became the U.S. Attorney for that very office in 2018. Throughout these years, John expanded his prosecutorial belt even further to continue his crusade against organized crime, later expanding his specializations to addressing public corruption. Needless to say, as indicated by

his constant presence in New Haven, John's leadership in the field has always been partially attributed to his fierce and inspiring loyalty.

There are, of course, other attributes that have led to his defining success in the New England area as a federal prosecutor. Durham's major contribution to combating the drug violence epidemic was to create a structure that federalized investigations. In doing so, he formed a more effective, broad, and resourceful law enforcement approach by encouraging multi-agency task forces to coordinate on unique investigative efforts. His architectural ability found him leading assignments that involved a bigger picture than maintaining the law within Connecticut, such as when he brought down New England's most powerful criminal outfit, the Patiarca family, in the late 1980's. This major win for public safety in the region is also due to his federalized efforts, as the syndicate collapsed at John's hand when inner circle members were persuaded to cooperate with federal resources such as the FBI's witness protection program.

John's highly ethical commitment to cleaning up corruption earned him a bipartisan and distinguished reputation as a protector of the people. A stalwart of government oversight, he led efforts to remove and charge government officials—even those at the highest levels such as Connecticut's ex-Governor John Rowland. With his impeccable reputation for deft handling of the tools of federal law enforcement, he was also assigned by Justice Department officials of numerous administrations to investigate and prosecute those working for organized crime from within law enforcement, including those formerly connected to the infamous gangster James "Whitey" Bulger. As a signal to his integrity and public trust, John's career over the past couple decades has steered toward the investigation of scandalous claims of abuse from the highest levels of the federal government, including but not limited to the CIA's post-911 interrogation tactics. With his reputation as one of the most consequential federal prosecutors in mind, the former President nominated John Durham in November of 2017 to become the U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut which received universal, bipartisan support in both Connecticut and Washington.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Durham has led and won against some of the most complicated criminal and political scandals in Connecticut and elsewhere. For nearly 40 years, he has built an accomplished record that has kept the people safe from violence and government abuse. He often attributed his inspiration to the dedicated public service of the colleagues that surrounded him, which was reflected by the fact that nearly 300 judges, prosecutors and members of law enforcement came to acknowledge his career on his final day in office. While we now find ourselves wondering what the future will hold with his departure, we can at least find comfort in the competent and effective U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut that he leaves behind. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House join me in honoring and thanking U.S. Attorney John Durham for upholding the highest standards of his profession in a lifetime of public service of service.